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Administrative and budgetary aspects of the financing of the United Nations peacekeeping operations

Draft resolution submitted by the Chairman following informal consultations

Implementation of the report of the Panel on United Nations Peace Operations

The General Assembly,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on resource requirements for implementation of the report of the Panel on United Nations Peace Operations[1] and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[2]

Taking full account of the report of the Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations on the comprehensive review of the whole question of peacekeeping operations in all their aspects[3] and General Assembly resolution 55/135, of 8 December 2000, endorsing the proposals, recommendation and conclusions of the Special Committee contained in its report,

Recalling its resolutions 45/258 of 3 May 1991, 47/218 A of 23 December 1992, 48/226 A of 23 December 1993, 48/226 B of 5 April 1994, 48/226 C of 29 July 1994, 49/250 of 20 July 1995, 50/11 of 2 November 1995, 50/221 A of 11 April 1996, 50/221 B of 7 June 1996, 51/226 of 3 April 1997, 51/239 A of 17 June 1997, 51/239 B and 51/243 of 15 September 1997, 52/220 of 22 December 1997, 52/234 and 52/248 of 26 June 1998, 53/12 A of 26 October 1998, 53/208 B of 18 December 1998, 53/12 B of 8 June 1999, 54/243 A of 23 December 1999 and 54/243 B of 15 June 2000 and its decisions 48/489 of 8 July 1994, 49/469 of 23 December 1994 and 50/473 of 23 December 1995,

[1] A/55/507 and Add.1.
[2] A/55/676.
[3] A/C.4/55/6.

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Recalling its resolutions 54/249 and 54/250 of 23 December 1999,

Recalling also its resolution 55/2 of 8 September 2000 on the United Nations Millennium Declaration,

1. *Reaffirms* rule 153 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly;

2. *Agrees* with the views expressed by the Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations in paragraphs 34 and 35 of its report on the comprehensive review;[3]

3. *Endorses* the conclusions and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[2] and requests the Secretary-General to ensure their full implementation;

4. *Decides* to appropriate an additional amount of $363,000 under section 3, Political affairs, $37,200 under section 27, Management and central support services, and $19,200 under section 32, Staff assessment, to be offset by a corresponding amount ($19,200) under income section 1, Income from staff assessment, of the programme budget for the biennium 2000-2001;[4]

5. *Approves* the support account post and non-posts requirements in the amount of 9,190,200 dollars gross ($8,741,600 dollars net) for the period from 1 July 2000 to 30 June 2001;

6. *Agrees* with paragraph 36 of the report of the Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations[3] relating to proper representation of troop-contributing countries in the Department of Peacekeeping Operations;

7. *Underscores* the importance of consultation with troop-contributing countries from the early stages of mission planning;

8. *Expresses deep concern* over the delay in reimbursement of troop contributors, which can cause hardship to all troop- and equipment-contributing countries, and requests the Secretariat to expedite the processing of all claims and present a progress report in this regard during the first part of the resumed fifty-fifth session of the General Assembly;

9. *Notes* that the related resource requirements presented by the Secretary-General have been described by him as an emergency request, whereas, in terms of paragraph 11 of the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[2] it was acknowledged that not all the proposals in the resource requirements document could be classified as emergency requests;

10. *Regrets* that the report of the Secretary-General on resource requirements was not presented in accordance with rule 153 of the rules of procedures of the General Assembly and with established practices, as pointed out in paragraph 3 of the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[2] and requests the Secretary-General to strictly comply with those rules in the future;

11. *Notes* that the report of the Secretary-General on resource requirements has not been issued in compliance with the six-week rule;

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[4] See *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-fourth Session, Supplement No. 6* (A/54/6/Rev.1).

12. *Takes note* of the intention of the Secretary-General to submit future reports to the fifty-fifth and fifty-sixth sessions of the General Assembly on the implementation of the recommendations in the report of the Panel on United Nations Peace Operations, including the comprehensive review requested by the Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations of the management, structure, recruitment processes and interrelationships of all relevant elements within the Secretariat that play a role in peacekeeping operations.